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AMENDMENT "A" and RESPONSE under 37 CFR 1.111

BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 6, 2000 (Paper No. 8), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims in view of the amendment and remarks set forth below.

AMENDMENT

In the Specification



Please insert the following as the first sentence after the title:

-- This application is the National Stage of International Patent Application Serial No. PCT/JP98/02482, filed June 4, 1998. --

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 4 and 16-21, inclusive, without prejudice to the filing of future continuing applications.

Please rewrite the claims to read as follows:

1. (AMENDED) A compound of the formula:

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